

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4171–S4236*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2325–2333, and S.J. Res. 33. **Page S4225**

**Asbestos Litigation:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 2290, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure. **Pages S4184–S4218, S4233**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 22, 2004, with 60 minutes for debate, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to occur at approximately 11:30 a.m. **Page S4233**

**Crime Victims' Rights—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if cloture is not invoked on S. 2290 (listed above), Senate begin consideration of S. 2329, to protect crime victims' rights; that the bill be held at the desk; that there be no amendments in order to the bill; and that there be two hours for debate, followed by a vote on final passage of the bill. **Page S4233**

**Crime Victims' Rights Constitutional Amendment—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, scheduled to occur on Thursday, April 22, 2004, was vitiated. **Page S4233**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

4 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. **Page S4233**

**Messages From the House:** **Pages S4222–23**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S4223**

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**Privilege of the Floor:** **Page S4232**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:27 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 22, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4233.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### APPROPRIATIONS: MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Missile Defense Agency, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Ronald T. Kadish, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

#### APPROPRIATIONS: FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for foreign assistance, including counterterrorism programs, after receiving testimony from Ambassador J. Cofer Black, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State; and Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Romolo A. Bernardi, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Schumer and Representative Walsh, Dennis C. Shea, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, who was introduced by Senator Warner and former Senator Dole, and Cathy M. MacFarlane, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary

for Public Policy, who was introduced by Senator Warner, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

#### RECREATION FEE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded an oversight hearing to examine the implementation of the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, and on policies related to the program, after receiving testimony from P. Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management, and Budget; Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Carl Wilgus, Idaho Department of Commerce, Boise, on behalf of the Western States Tourism Policy Council; Ted Anderson, Skagit County Board of Commissioners of Mount Vernon, Washington, on behalf of the National Association of Counties and the Washington State Association of Counties; Sue Bray, Good Sam Club, Ventura, California, on behalf of the American Recreation Coalition; Robert Raney, Montana State Parks Foundation, Livingston; and Edwin Phillips, Americans for Forest Access, Big Bear City, California.

#### NAFTA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* on Tuesday, April 20, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded a hearing to examine a ten year perspective and implications for the future regarding NAFTA, focusing on the economic impact on the economy, impact on Mexico's economy and politics and the implications for relations with Mexico, commerce's role in enhancing economic opportunities for exporters, and NAFTA's next decade and the need to focus on economic competitiveness in a global economy, after receiving testimony from Grant D. Aldonas, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; E. Anthony Wayne, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs; A. Ellen Terpstra, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture; Hector V. Barreto, Administrator, Small Business Administration; and Franklin J. Vargo, National Association of Manufacturers, C. Fred Bergsten, Institute for International Economics, and Thea Lee, AFL-CIO, all of Washington, D.C.

#### IRAQ TRANSITION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee continued hearings to examine the current state of society in Iraq, focusing on preparations for a transition to Iraqi sovereignty on June 30 and what steps are required to fill out a comprehensive transition plan,

after receiving testimony from Kenneth M. Pollack and Michael E. O'Hanlon, both of the Brookings Institution, and General George A. Joulwan (Ret.), former NATO SACEUR, all of Washington, D.C.; Michael Sheehan, New York Police Department, New York, New York; and Ahmed S. Hashim, United States Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

#### STOCK OPTIONS ACCOUNTING POLICY

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* on Tuesday, April 20, Subcommittee on Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine supporting and strengthening the independence of the Financial Accounting Standards Board, focusing on the importance of FASB's independence in setting financial reporting and accounting standards, evaluating FASB's proposal to require mandatory expensing of stock options, and determining the economic and accounting/financial reporting impact of expensing stock options, after receiving testimony from Senators Boxer and Enzi; Robert H. Herz, Financial Accounting Standards Board, Norwalk, Connecticut; Paul A. Volcker, International Accounting Standards Committee Foundation, London, United Kingdom, former Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Jack T. Ciesielski, R.G. Associates, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland; James K. Glassman, American Enterprise Institute, and Damon Silvers, AFL-CIO, both of Washington, D.C.; Donald P. Delves, Delves Group, Chicago, Illinois; and Mark G. Heesen, National Venture Capital Association, Arlington, Virginia.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 344, expressing the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1721, to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to improve provisions relating to probate of trust and restricted land, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

#### FEDERAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT PROCESS REFORM ACT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 297, to provide reforms and resources to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to improve the Federal acknowledgment process, after receiving testimony from Aurene Martin, Principal Deputy

Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Edward Roybal II, Piro/Manso/Tiwa Indian Tribe, Pueblo of San Juan de Guadalupe, Las Cruces, New Mexico; Neal McCaleb, Chickasaw Nation Indus-

tries, Edmond, Oklahoma, former Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; and Kevin Gover, Arizona State University College of Law, Tempe.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 13 public bills, H.R. 4180–4192; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 407–408, and H. Res. 600–601 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 602, providing for consideration of H.R. 2844, to require States to hold special elections to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives not later than 21 days after the vacancy is announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in extraordinary circumstances (H. Rept. 108–466).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bass to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Rev. Dr. Woodrow Hudson, Chaplain, Georgia Department of Corrections in Atlanta, Georgia.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Green Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2004:** H.R. 3970, amended, to provide for the implementation of a Green Chemistry Research and Development Program, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 121;

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**Congressional Medal for Outstanding Contributions in Math and Science Education Act of 2004:** H.R. 4030, amended, to establish the Congressional Medal for Outstanding Contributions in Math and Science Education program to recognize private entities for their outstanding contributions to elementary and secondary science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 122;

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**Senator Paul Simon Federal Building Designation Act:** S. 2022, to designate the Federal building located at 250 West Cherry Street in Carbondale, Il-

linois the “Senator Paul Simon Federal Building”—clearing the measure for the President;

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**James V. Hansen Federal Building Designation Act:** H.R. 3147, amended, to designate the Federal building located at 324 Twenty-Fifth Street in Ogden, Utah, as the “James V. Hansen Federal Building”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 123;

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**Addressing the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization:** H.R. 4019, amended, to address the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 124; and

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**Guardsmen and Reservists Financial Relief Act of 2003:** H.R. 1779, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans during the period that a military reservist or national guardsman is called to active duty for an extended period, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 125.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 6:21 p.m. and reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2203.

**Senate Referral:** S. 1814 was referred to the Committees on Resources, Agriculture, and Education & the Workforce.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2224, H2224–25, H2225–26, H2226, and H2226–27. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:04 p.m.